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1. SUMMARY: DGB SOURCES DENY THAT VETTER URGED EUROPEAN LABOR LEADERS TO DECLINE MEANY'S INVITATION TO VISIT WASHINGTON AFTER THE ICFTU MEETING IN MEXICO. NOW THAT MEANY HAS DECIDED TO POSTPONE HIS INVITATION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE DGB HOPES TO SEND A HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION TO THE

US IN NOVEMBER TO DISCUSS A MEETING BETWEEN THE AFL-CIO AND EUROPEAN LABOR LEADERS. END SUMMARY.

2. OFFICIALS OF THE DGB AND ITS LEADING AFFILIATES CONTINUE TO REAFFIRM THEIR DESIRE TO IMPROVE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE AFL-CIO, THE DGB AND OTHER NON-COMMUNIST WEST EUROPEAN UNIONS. THEREFORE, WE WERE NOT SURPRISED WHEN IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE AFL-CIO EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE, IRVING BROWN, AND EMBASSY LABOR ATTACHE, DGB LEADERS DENIED THAT VETTER HAD URGED EUROPEAN LABOR LEADERS TO DECLINE MEANY'S INVITATION TO VISIT WASHINGTON AFTER THE ICFTU MEETING IN MEXICO (REFTEL A). NOTING THAT THE DGB HAD SENT THREE HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATIONS TO VISIT THE AFL-CIO DURING THE PAST YEAR, DGB LEADERS OPINED THAT SINCE VETTER IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE ETUC, A MEETING BETWEEN VETTER AND MEANY COULD HELP PROMOTE COOPERATION BETWEEN AFL-CIO AND THE UNIONS OF WESTERN EUROPE. DGB LEADERS BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT A MEETING BETWEEN ETUC LEADERS AND MEANY SHOULD BE PREPARED CAREFULLY WITH AN AGENDA AND SHOULD BE HELD AFTER ETUC LEADERS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH EACH OTHER.  
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